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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Ronaldo B. Hipolito, et al.

Application No.: 10/693,112

Filed: October 24, 2003

For: ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE

Examiner: Teena Kay Mitchell

Art Unit: 3743

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Amendment filed on July 20, 2004, Applicants wish to direct Examiner's attention to pages 7 and 9 of the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2004, where claims 12-20, and 22 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness double patenting in view of claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,668,832. Although Applicants do not agree with the double patenting rejections, Applicants submit an executed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,668,832 and Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness double patenting rejections is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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